

<p><b>Thematic session</b></p> <h2><b>Sustainable Urban Mobility (SUM)</b></h2>
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Mobility is essential for the economic development of any city, and for the social and economic well being of its inhabitants. Sadly, in many developing cities urban mobility policies have resulted in transport systems that are polluting, congested and, because of a focus on private motorized transport, exclude the mobility needs of the poor. In other words: systems that are economically, socially and environmentally unsustainable.

Do you know, for example:

- How many trips in your city are made on foot?
- How much the poor in your city spend on their transport?
- Who are the main victims of traffic accidents?
- The potential in your city for low-cost, environmentally friendly and safe mobility?

The answers to these and many other questions any city government should have readily available, but in reality the questions are often not even asked. Not because of a lack of concern, but because of a lack of awareness of the availability and benefits of urban mobility policy options and instruments that include the needs of the poor, increase traffic safety and are environmentally friendly.

Within the overall EPM framework, the Sustainable Urban Mobility (SUM) initiative aims to increase this awareness within SCP/LA21 cities and to assist cities with a commitment to promoting low-cost mobility. This assistance can take various forms (e.g. technical advice, training) and cover the entire planning cycle up to the design and monitoring of physical infrastructure interventions, or discrete parts thereof.

This session will further introduce the SUM initiative and report on progress in and lessons learnt from the work in the first demonstration city (Kisumu, Kenya), which has now moved to the stage of initial small-scale demonstration interventions. In addition a presentation will be given on the urban mobility work done in the LA21 city of Bayamo Cuba.

The session is of interest to cities interested in, active in, or intending to become active in the promotion of sustainable and low-cost mobility, and will provide opportunities for interaction on how the SUM initiative can provide assistance and advise.

### **Tentative programme of the thematic session**

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| ▪ The SUM initiative                 | Jan H. Koster (UNESCO-IHE)           |
| ▪ Kisumu SUM/EPM process             | George Wasonga (Kisumu City Council) |
| ▪ Kisumu demonstration interventions | Tom Opiyo (consultant to ITDG)       |
| ▪ Bayamo urban mobility initiative   | Bayamo LA21 team member              |
| ▪ Lessons learnt                     | Jan H. Koster (UNESCO-IHE)           |
| ▪ SUM and my city                    | working group sessions               |